

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 4 without prejudice and amend Claims 1-3 as shown in marked-up form as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) An integrated circuit provided with at least ~~two~~ one output ~~drivers~~ driver (4) without substrate contacts and further provided with at least a core region with a Vssc contact (7, 9) and a periphery region provided with at least one Vssq contact (8), characterized in that a resistance (11) with a value lying between 100 and 300 ohms is ~~present~~ provided between each Vssq contact (8) and the Vssc contact (7, 9).
2. (Presently Amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one output ~~drivers~~ driver is not slew-rate controlled, characterized in that the value of the resistance (11) is greater than 250 ohms.
3. (Presently Amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one output ~~drivers~~ driver is slew-rate controlled, characterized in that the value of the resistance (11) is at most 250 ohms.
4. (Withdrawn)